

Virginia Harness Horseman Association
Annual Association Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by president, Scott Woogen at 5:45 p.m.

A. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING: Proof was given that the meeting announcement was posted on the website, Facebook and at the track.

B. ROLL CALL: Roll call found 56 active members and eight current board members present

C. MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from last year's meeting were reviewed.

D. REPORTS OF OFFICERS: There were no reports of officers

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: There were no committee reports

F. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: There were three board of director seats open for election. The following people were elected by majority vote of the membership to fill these seats: Scott Woogen, Betsy Brown and Danny Chansky.

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Scott Woogen updated the group on the following items.

1. Churchill Downs is exploring various locations in Virginia to possibly build a harness race track. There is nothing definite on them building a track at this time.
2. The VEA is proceeding with plans to possible build a new barn at Shenandoah Downs. If this project is approved, most of the horses now housed in temporary tents will be housed in the new barn.
3. All three of the Virginia programs, Breeders Fund, Sired Stakes and Certified Residency, are attracting more participants. The first foals of the Sired Stakes program will race next fall. Scott reminded everyone that the three year old Breeders Fund races will be moving to the spring meet.

As there was no further business to be discussed, Scott Woogen adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Warnick
Executive Director